

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Amendments filed October 10 and October 14, 2008 be entered along with the present amendment. These amendments should place the application in condition for allowance.

The following is noted with regard to the comments by the Examiner in the Advisory Action. Figures 5 and 6 which were previously filed had been replaced by new Figures 5 and 6 and the Specification has been amended to refer to those figures in general at page 2 and to refer at page 16 to the specific reference numerals in Figures 5 and 6 as well as the reference numerals in Figures 3, 4 and 4a.

Claim 14 has been amended to replace “are” with “is”.

In the Advisory Action the Examiner also questioned the term “work-up stage”. The claims, such as Claims 14 and 16, point out that the work-up stage relates to where the bottom stream from the column is passed to that work-up stage. The work-up stage itself is discussed at various portions of the Specification. See, for example, Page 16 in the paragraph beginning at lines 16 and 22 and page 17 in the paragraph beginning at line 32. It should be clear from the Specification that the work-up stage refers to a location downstream from the bottom of the column. Examples of this location are specifically referred to at page 16 in the paragraph beginning at line 26 which indicates that the “work-up is effected by means of a stripper (35) in Figure 3 or by means of an evaporator (45) in Figures 4 and 4a”.

Since the pending Claims 6-19 are claims which the Examiner indicated in the Office Action of July 23, 2008, contained allowable subject matter, this application should be passed to issue.

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